

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006.

The Examiner rejected claims 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Each of claims 4-9 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1-8 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,825,677. Independent claim 1, from which claims 2 and 3 depend, has been amended to overcome the Examiner's statutory double patenting rejection.

Enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer that obviates a non-statutory double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-9.

Respectfully submitted,



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